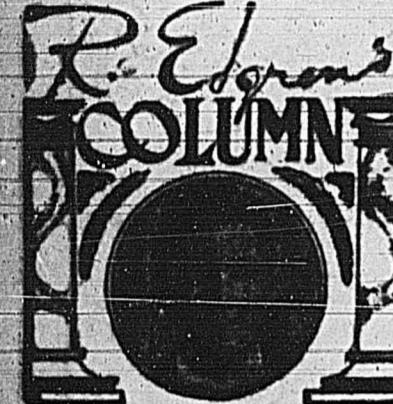


UP TO DATE
AND NEWSY.MR. NOONAN, OF
TONOPAH, TALKS
ON BIG FIGHTSHas All the News and Says Nevada
Promoters Want the "Goods"
and No More Lemons.

M R. NOONAN, of Tonopah, drifted into my workshop yesterday afternoon. I was just about to begin drawing, but on seeing who was there I laid down the hoe and shook hands. Mr. Noonan, straight from the world's fight centre, wore a soft felt hat and had whole-some out-of-door air about him that reminded me of the good old days when I used to chase jackrabbits out of the prospect holes in the morning myself.

Jack Noonan, being interested in the renaissance of the fighting game, had all the news.

"We're getting careful about giving big purses for fights," he said. "We're still ready to offer the big stack for anything good, but no more lemons! We'd like to see Kid Herman fight some good boy in his own class out in Nevada, but the fight with Gans was really a joke. Herman didn't have a chance on earth! Still, he's very popular."

"How about Corbett and Herman or Corbett and Murphy?" I asked.

Mr. Noonan just smiled. "Why," he said, "we offered \$7,500 for Murphy and Herman, but Herman's head seems to have become a little enlarged. He turned it down. He regards himself as the late contender for the world's championship, and doesn't see where he comes in to fight a newcomer for a little purse like \$7,500 after fighting Gans for \$30,000."

"But Corbett!"

"Not at any price!" said Mr. Noonan, emphatically. "We wouldn't offer any purse for Corbett and Murphy or for Corbett and Herman. We don't want Corbett. He wouldn't draw thirty cents! We lost enough money on Gans and Herman. From this on we're looking out for the business end. No more lemons! We've seen Corbett whipped too many times out on the Coast. He may have come back, but he can't come out and prove it at our expense. Let him go and show that he can fight somewhere else. Then he may be a card."

WE'VE seen him whipped by Eddie Hanlon, Herrera, Britt twice by Nelson, and last of all by little Dick Hyland. Corbett has no time for Mr. Murphy, least Corbett here. Even that doesn't make Murphy a big drawing card as far away as Nevada. But we'd give him a chance to show what he can do. He may be a good boy."

"How about your proposed carnival?"

I asked again.

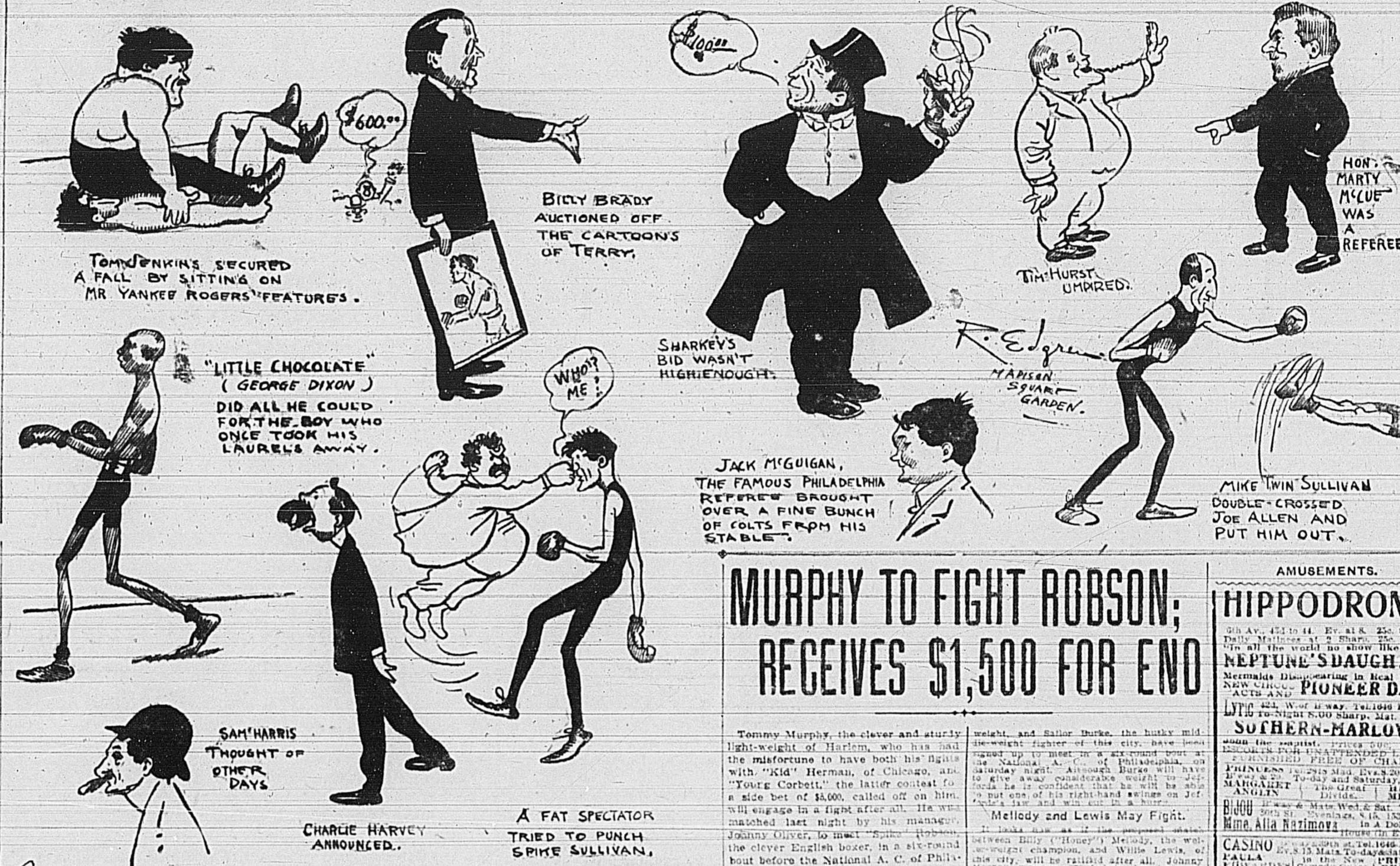
"That'll be the greatest ever," answered Jack Noonan. "We are going to pull off three big finish battles besides the preliminaries. They will take up two or three days. Jimmy Britt will fight Gans. Let me tell you right here that Britt is the only lightweight on earth that can draw with Gans now. All the Pico people look on Britt as the man to trim Gans. They swear by him. With Britt and Thomas fighting Gans and Melody we expect at least two thousand people from San Francisco. The Olympic Club members will come on to the fights in a body. They'll all back Britt. Gans is surely a wonderful man of his weight, but lots of people I know of will be there with the Britt end."

"Melody and Thomas have not yet accepted our offer. We want Melody. But Thomas, weighing 185 pounds at the time, knocked out Melody a few months ago. Melody demands that Thomas weigh in at 165 pounds single, the writer being Thomas offers to make

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SPORTING CELEBRITIES AT THE M'GOVERN BENEFIT.

ENDEARED TO TERRY, SPORT
WORLD ENRICHES FIGHTERTELEGRAMS RECEIVED FROM FIGHTERS
SHOW THEIR LOVE FOR TERRYTOLEDO, O.—Wish I was with you. I pray Terry will recover.
JOE GANS.

DENVER, Col.—My heart is with you. I regret the day I left Denver.—YOUNG CORBETT.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Could not cancel engagements. Hope you gather a million for Terry.—JOHN L. SULLIVAN.

Six thousand people braved the bitter cold, and \$15,000 rolled into the cash box last night as an attest to the love of a sporting world for the poor little fellow who is chattering his days away in an insane asylum in Connecticut.

The benefit performance arranged by Sam H. Harris and Joe Humphries for the benefit of Terry, who is suffering from a broken leg, was a success. The affected boy was not altogether an offering of charity. Every man there got

the worth of his money.

The affair struck out like a camping meeting. But there were enough offhand caustics of humor to keep things

lively, and the "big show number" was a battle royal between five coons, sent all home smiling, and over in a little home in Brooklyn there is a smile that will linger.

But for the knowledge of Terry's affection the McGovery family this morning would be happy. That is the only cloud.

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